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My name is Francisca Arara, from the Arara people. I am coordinator and professor of the Organization of the Indigenous Professors of Acre, Brazil and Political Adviser of the Association of the Movement of Agroforestry Indigenous Agents of Acre. I also received the Chico Mendes Award. Chico Mendes was the father of the alliance of forest peoples' movement.

I am here speaking through my indigenous sister, Diana Mouri, who comes from the indigenous people Chipibu, representing of 17 indigenous peoples of Ucayali, Peru.

We are united, because only then can we change the world. We are representatives of the women of the Amazon Basin, with messages for you. What happened in Acre two decades ago until now is an example for other states.

The process of creating the incentive system for environmental services in Acre had an elaborate charter of principles, including the construction of safeguards, standards of participation, consultation, training and the creation of an indigenous working group on governance. We are part of this group.

The construction of safeguards has to protect the territories, reinforce the policy of territorial management plans and strengthen indigenous participation. The Principles of Collaboration developed by the Global Committee is being shared with other states.

I believe that the indigenous peoples of Acre, Brazil, Peru and California know they have to think about the rights of and strengthening of the indigenous organizations.

The jurisdictional program in Acre had free, prior, and informed consent. We established a charter of principles and a subnational policy in which there is participation in decision making for the distribution of benefits.

We need the support of California to strengthen the indigenous peoples who are being threatened.

California is a bridge to strengthen the indigenous peoples of Acre and other subnational governments, support our forest, and help the planet and the climate. The consultation procedures of the California Standards strengthens the management of the forest in Peru, and that standard only works to help. We need to be together. The climate is getting hotter.

Everyone is impacted by this. It is time to unite.